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Crews work at airport to build concrete landing pads strong enough to support a 727.

# Provo airport improvement takes off right on schedule

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**PROVO** — The rains came down, the snow came down, and the water rose — but the airport did not wash away.

As a matter of fact, Jim Mathis, manager of Provo Municipal Airport, was so confident that flood waters would not touch his airport he went ahead with planning some \$900,000 worth of improvement projects despite the flood threat.

His planning paid off, and with the help of the 10-foot dikes that surround the airport and protect the runways from Utah Lake water, the major projects began on time this week.

"We are pouring concrete as fast as we can," said project manager Alan Ellis.

Ellis and his crew of concrete workers are pouring 3,800 yards of concrete to make landing pads

strong enough to handle the weight of 90,000-pound aircraft.

With the runway improvements, the airport will be able to handle large aircraft such as 727s, Mathis said. Before, if large craft had to land at Provo, they had to park on the asphalt, which would sink under the weight.

"The FAA has so many specifications and qualifications that we have to meet," he said.

Ellis and crew, who work for Quality Concrete of Springville, began the project July 2 and plan to finish by the end of July. The pads will be ready for aircraft by Aug. 15, Ellis said.

The 12-inch-thick reinforced concrete slabs have control joints that can move with the weight of the aircraft, he said. The slabs, being poured in several sections, must not vary in height more than an eighth of an inch in 16 feet, Mathis said.

"They are doing an exceptional job," he said. The FAA people are pleased also.

The \$538,000 project is 90 percent funded by a government grant; the other 10 percent is split between the state and city.

"We have really come a long way with the airport in the last few years," said Provo Mayor Jim Ferguson. "The city needs good transportation, and it was a step in the right direction to get a full-time manager with the experience that Jim (Mathis) has to take hold and do the job the right way."

The airport was previously under the direction of the Community Development Department. Two years ago Mathis became airport manager.

"We have been working for the last two years to get everything together," Mathis said.



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FOX, 233 W. 1230 North, 374-5525. "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, profanity), 4:30, 7 and 9:45 p.m.; "The Bugs Bunny Roadrunner Movie," rated PG, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Midnight movie, "WarGames," ★★★★★, rated PG (profanity).

Academy, 56 N. University Ave., 373-4470. "Star Trek III: The Search For Spock," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, profanity), 2:30, 4:45, 7 and 9:45 p.m.

Central Square, 175 W. Second North, 374-6061. "The Natural," ★★★★★, rated PG (profanity), 1, 4, 7 and 9:45 p.m.; "Hollywood Hot Tubs," rated R (sex, nudity, profanity, vulgarity), 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.; "Cannonball Run II," ★½, rated PG (violence, profanity, vulgarity), 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. "Conan the Destroyer," ★½, rated PG (violence, sex), 2, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

The Varsity Theater, Wilkinson Center, Brigham Young University, 378-3311. "The Empire Strikes Back," rated PG, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Pioneer Twin Drive-In, 1255 S. State, 374-0521. "The Muppets Take Manhattan," rated G, "Savannah Smiles," ★★★★★, rated PG (profanity), 9:15 p.m.; "Karate Kid," ★★★★★ — PG (violence, profanity), "In Search of a Golden Sky," ★el2½, rated PG (violence), 9:30 p.m.

## Orem

University, University Mall, 225-1255. "Ghostbusters," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, sex, profanity, vulgarity), 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; "Rhinestone," ★½, rated PG (profanity, sex jokes), 12:15, 2:30, 4:25, 7:15, and 9:45 p.m.

Timp Drive-In, 156 N. State, 225-1740. "Cannonball Run II," ★½, rated PG (violence, profanity, vulgarity). "Deal of the Century," ★★, rated PG (violence, profanity), 9:30 p.m.

Carillon Square, 309 E. 13th South, 224-5112. "The Karate Kid," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, profanity), 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:45 p.m.; "Bachelor Party," TURKEY (No stars), rated R (sex, nudity, profanity, vulgarity), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.; "Romancing The Stone," ★★★★★, rated PG (sex, profanity, nudity, violence), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45 p.m. Midnight movies, "Lone Wolf McQuade," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, profanity, sex), "Risky Business," ★★, rated R (sex, nudity, profanity), "Strange Brew," ★★, rated PG (profanity, brief sex, vulgarity), and "Porky's II: The Next Day," ★, rated R (sex, nudity, profanity, vulgarity).

Scera, 745 S. State, 225-2560. "Marvin and Tige," ★★★★★, rated PG (profanity), 7 and 9:15 p.m.; Saturday and Wednesday, 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

## Springville

Art City Drive-In, 720 N. Main, 489-5401. "Bachelor Party," TURKEY (No stars), rated R (sex, nudity, profanity, vulgarity), "Unfaithfully Yours," ★★★★★, rated PG (sex, nudity, profanity, violence), 9:30 p.m.

## American Fork

The Towne Cinema, 120 W. Main, 756-3181. "Star Trek III: The Search For Spock," ★★★★★, rated PG (violence, profanity), 3, 5, 7 and 9 p.m. "The Natural," ★★★★★, rated PG (profanity), 7:15 and 9:10 p.m.

## Payson

Huish, 98 W. Utah Ave. 465-2451. "Splash," ★★★★★, rated PG (nudity, sex, profanity, vulgarity), 7:30 and 9 p.m.

## Spanish Fork

Main Street Movie, 165 N. Main, 798-9350. "Greystoke," ★★★★★, rated PG (sex, nudity, violence), 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

# Orem open house will feature new library on energy saving

OREM — An Energy Library of books and a recently completed videotape on home insulation will be featured at an open house at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Orem City Building multipurpose center.

The new library materials, which will be available in the city library after Wednesday, comprises more than 75 books on home-energy management, energy-saving home improvements, insulation, renewable energy sources, solar energy and energy-conscious construction. Several pamphlets on home-energy conservation also will be available.

The 38-minute videotape, "Insulating It Right," will be shown at the open house following a presentation

of insulation and insulation regulations.

The books and tape, which cost \$4,100 to produce, were paid for through a grant from the Utah Energy Office.

"Hopefully, this video fills a void. We have enough written material, but not a lot of people are into reading it," said Jim Wilbur, the senior city planner who assisted in producing the tape. "The video will help improve consumer awareness and help people save money."

Wilbur said the Energy Library is opening in response to rising energy costs and rapid depletion of energy resources.

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